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Letter from our Director

It's That Time!

Time to turn nearly all our attention to the Great Indiana State Fair. It's exciting to think that we will have the fair spread out over three weekends this year, squeezing all the 4-H competitions inside the "official" dates of the fair, and enabling even more Hoosier families to experience the fair before summer winds down and schools get back in swing.

With five additional days, this year's State Fair will be one of the most exciting we've ever had, and the staff has done a superb job in planning several spectacular events! For the first time in nearly 20 years, tractor pulls are back with the **Lucas Oil Motor-sports Weekend featuring the Indy Super Pull August 8 - 9.**

In fact, the Hoosier Lottery Grandstand will be full of great entertainment, including a bevy of **free** events like **Indiana MusicFest featuring John**

McLaughlin, The Elms and The Why Store August 13; the International Circus Hall of Fame from Peru, Ind., August 17; and the Lucas Oil Demolition Derby followed by "Last Blast" Fireworks presented by ampm August 23.

The State Fair has always been a tremendous value, and this year we've added even more fun and entertainment! Among the **free** shows and exhibits are the **Timberworks Lumberjack Show, The Stars of the Peking Acrobats; the Purina Incredible Dog Challenge; Hedrick's Racing Pigs; and Indiana Space Travels.** In addition, for the first time, there is a **\$2 Taste of the State Fair on August 18** when concessionaires all over the fairgrounds will have \$2 samples available all day long!

We'll also have some great gate admission discounts like the **free tickets offered in the Indianapolis Star for Aug. 12 & 13; BMV Carload Day**

on Aug. 17 (\$15/vehicle) and other special deals for military personnel and their families. We're even printing a special Fair Value Coupon book with big savings at various concession stands around the grounds. Thanks to Red Gold®, we're celebrating the Year of Tomatoes, so you will see tomato plants throughout the grounds and lots of fun tomato-related contests and activities taking place throughout the fair.

**We've got
MORE DAYS ★ MORE FUN!
and you won't want
to miss this year!**

Cynthia C. Hoyer
Executive Director
Indiana State Fair Commission



WHY 5 MORE DAYS?

AUGUST 7-23, 2009

By Andy Klotz

The Indiana State Fair has long been one of the country's great agricultural fairs, highlighting Hoosiers' farming heritage within an exciting atmosphere of food, fun and entertainment. Since 1982, the fair has been a 12-day event. This year, however, the fair opens for the first time as a 17-day event running August 7 – 23.

Why the change? A few different reasons.

THE 4-H FACTOR

First and foremost, Indiana has a very strong 4-H program that is at the heart of what the State Fair is all about. For the past several years, there have

been many 4-H competitions and activities that have taken place prior to the official opening of the State Fair – called “Pre-Fair” events – because there wasn't enough time to conduct everything within a 12-day span. As a result, these competitors and their families received only part of the entire State Fair experience. With the additional five days, the Pre-Fair events will now be folded into the official fair dates allowing all 4-Hers to not only compete, but also enjoy a full complement of concessionaires, the midway, stage shows and other exhibits.

MORE DAYS, MORE BENEFITS

Three weekends counteracts the impact of mid-August starting dates at hundreds of Indiana's public schools, and offers a major family entertainment attraction for Indianapolis over three August weekends instead of just two. With more opportunities to attend the fair, visitors may experience less traffic congestion around the fairgrounds during peak times.



Red Gold® Salsa Recipe Contest that

is also open to anyone making their best salsa using Red Gold® canned tomatoes.

Indiana State Fair Celebrity Tomato Toss Contest featuring celebrities like First Lady Cheri Daniels and members of the media putting their tomato tossing talents to the test Wednesday, Aug. 19 at 3 p.m. in Pioneer Village.

Normandy Barn/Greenhouse where visitors can find all of Indiana's local tomato growers on a large, permanent Indiana map in the Normandy Barn and then learn about the different stages of growing tomatoes in the Greenhouse.



“One Can Make a Difference in Tomato Country™” Construction Competition with teams of architects, engineers and students competing to design and build giant structures made entirely from full cans of food.

Indiana State Fair Special Ag Contest: Tomatoes, which is open to anyone who makes something that includes tomatoes in the recipe.

For the third consecutive year, the Indiana State Fair is featuring one Indiana agricultural product throughout the fair, and this year's product is tomatoes. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, Indiana ranks second in the country in production of tomatoes for processing. The total value of Indiana tomato production for both fresh and processed tomatoes is \$48 million. The fair will highlight this fine fruit in the following ways:

Tomato Patch Gift Shop will be adorned with giant tomatoes growing on equally enormous vines. Inside, visitors will find all sorts of fair souvenirs and momentos, including tomato-related items.





SOMETHING TO CROW ABOUT!

MORE DAYS, MORE VALUE

By Andy Klotz

With the economy still floundering, there has never been a more important time to offer fair visitors tremendous values. That's why there are several new savings opportunities available on admission to the fair as well as on many different items once inside the fair. Some of these offers include:

-----FREE-----

Free admission tickets in The Indianapolis Star for Aug. 12 & 13

Free admission for Military personnel and their families on Aug. 16 (*presentation of a military ID required*)

Free admission for State employees on Aug. 20 (*presentation of an employee ID card required*)

Free Lottery ticket on Aug. 9 for all guests at least 18 years old (*visitors can redeem their fair admission ticket stub from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Hoosier Lottery Booth at the Hoosier Lottery Grandstand*)



-----DISCOUNTS!-----

\$2 "Taste of the State Fair" on Aug. 18 when many concessionaires all over the fairgrounds will have \$2 samples available all day long!



Tractor Shuttle ride discounts for seniors (age 55+) who can ride around the Fairgrounds for just \$3/day when they purchase a special wristband at the State Fair Information Booths located in Pioneer Village and on State Fair Blvd. (On Aug. 18, seniors can ride the tractor shuttles for free!)

Farmers' Day Lunch Deal on Aug. 19 when downtown workers can take the IndyGo Route 39 bus for \$1.75 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and receive free admission to the fair through Gate 1A on 38th Street

\$2 discount off gate admission for all visitors who bring any Pepsi brand can on Aug. 23

BMV CARLOAD Day on Aug. 17 with admission just \$15 per vehicle for up to 10 people with voucher printed from www.mybmv.com

Indiana State Fair Value Coupon Book with more than \$100 in deals and discounts at dozens of vendors. The \$5 books are available in the Tomato Patch Gift Shop or online at www.indianastatefair.com

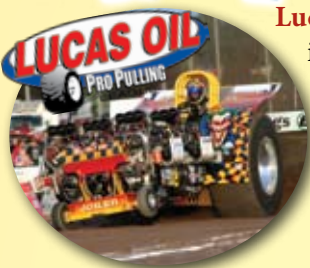


LOOK

WHAT'S NEW!

By Andy Klotz

It might be easier to list what **isn't** new at this year's fair, but that wouldn't be any fun. Here is just a small sample of some of the new exhibits and events to see and experience:



Lucas Oil Motorsports Weekend featuring the Indy Super Pull with drivers competing in six different classes during three different pulls in the Hoosier Lottery Grandstand on Aug. 8 at 1 and 7 p.m., and Aug. 9 at 3 p.m. (Tickets range from \$5 - \$20)

Miss America 2009 Katie Stam of Seymour will spend Opening Day at the Indiana State Fair on Aug. 7, helping preside over Opening Ceremonies, conducting a Question and Answer/Autograph session and taking part in the evening Daily Parade.



Indiana Space Travels exhibit celebrating the numerous and often overlooked contributions the state of Indiana has made to NASA and United States space exploration.



The Stars of the Peking Acrobats featuring approximately 13 acrobats from the People's Republic of China.

Wind Turbine and Solar Panels installed near the Normandy Barn on the fairgrounds' north side in order to educate visitors about existing alternative energy and conservation resources.



The Purina Incredible Dog Challenge in Celebration Park Aug. 7 - 8 will be taped and televised by ABC/ESPN, serving as the Midwestern Regional Championship with winners advancing to the finals in St. Louis, Mo.

Hedrick's Racing Pigs featuring professional pig callers and their athletic swine, complete with racing silks.



Celebrating Indiana Communities highlighting various Indiana towns and cities by showcasing their local attractions, commerce, industry and culture.

Hoosier Heritage Day Thursday, Aug. 13 will be marked by special events and presentations from a number of groups, including the Indiana Historical Society, Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, Indiana State Museum, Indiana War Memorials Commission and many more. There will be barn raisings throughout the day in Pioneer Village and a free concert at 7 p.m. featuring Indiana's own Jon McLaughlin, The Elms and The Why Store in the Hoosier Lottery Grandstand.



"Wacky Wheeler" Rob Summerbell combines kinetics and acrobatics to create a highly entertaining show that includes audience participation and lots of laughs Aug. 18 - 23.



"Slackwire Sam" brings his unique one-man comedy, juggling and acrobatic show to the Indiana State Fair for eight days of fun Aug. 10 - 17.

The Dazzling Mills Family show combines balancing, juggling and humor with special appeal for kids Aug. 7 - 16.

To review the entire 2009 Indiana State Fair program, please log onto:
indianastatefair.com



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BALL STATE UNIVERSITY: A LOVE OF FAIR

By J. Allan Rent

"The Backyard" located in the Ball State Agriculture Horticulture Building during the Indiana State Fair

Have I told you how much Ball State loves the Indiana State Fair?

We began our relationship with the State Fair five years ago when our Department of Landscape Architecture developed an exhibit for the Agriculture Horticulture Building called "The Backyard." This student/faculty project came at the request of the State Fair and was simple enough: develop a backyard-like environment using native Indiana materials. We originally thought the backyard would be a one-year

project. Were we wrong!

Midway through the first year we realized that we had a good thing going. We could directly communicate the Ball State message to



more than 300,000 people who came through the Ag-Hort Building, and indirectly to hundreds of thousands more who visited the fair. What an opportunity!

The Backyard is hosted by 12 student ambassadors who represent a number of different majors including landscape architecture. It features the Digital Dome with a 50" touch

screen television that displays a number of videos about the university, a garden train that runs throughout nearly half of the exhibit, and daily entertainment. And, of course, the building is fully air conditioned meaning it is a much sought after refuge during the heat of the day.

Have I told you how much Ball State loves the Indiana State Fair?

It has been an easy decision for us to expand our relationship with the fair because it offers us the perfect opportunity to affect Hoosier families in a very personal way. We now sponsor the Ag-Hort Building as the "Ball State Agriculture Horticulture Building," and we sponsor the first Saturday at the fair as "Ball State Day." Each of our seven colleges set up exhibits along Expo Hall Boulevard featuring displays, demonstrations, health screenings, games, prizes and an opportunity to become a news, weather or sports-caster in our remote television studio. Ball State Day is really more fun than anyone should have to endure.

Have I told you how much Ball State loves the Indiana State Fair?

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For more information about Ball State University, please visit: cms.bsu.edu

Contributing Writer, J. Allan Rent, is the Director of Relationship Marketing & Community Relations at Ball State University.

NEW ENERGY Takes Shape at the Indiana State Fairgrounds

By Justin Armstrong

It is an early mid-spring morning. A soothing quiet shrouds the landscape with the exception of an occasional whinny from trotters preparing to train and the chirping of a few ambitious robins catching all the worms. Another promising start to another beautifully average day at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

However, as dawn breaks over the northeast skyline, a shape emerges that wasn't there yesterday. A dynamic figure, graceful and rhythmic, spinning to life with a coat of fresh dew. Like an Independence Day sparkler in the hands of a child, a

new wind turbine writes its name in the sky.

Made possible through a grant from the Indiana State Office of Energy Development, matching funds from the Indianapolis Power and Light Company, and in-kind consultation from Green Way Supply, a SKYSTREAM 3.7 residential wind turbine and a series of photovoltaic shelters were erected on May 15th just south of the Normandy Barn between Pioneer Village and the Mac Reynolds Barn.

Subtly, it works with a perfect blend of tradition and technology. Vestiges of its ancestor's form are apparent in the contemporary materials but its function has changed. There is no water to pump here. Rather this iteration will

power the foot path lampposts and misting fans that keep visitors cool in the summer heat.

As the sun continues to rise and morning shadows shift, a dip nestled in the landscape reveals a pool of wildflowers sitting at the feet of the Greenhouse. Shimmering from the previous night's shower, the new garden begins to bloom.

A rain garden has also been installed. In partnership with Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District and Hoosier Heartland RC&D through grants from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and the Lilly Foundation, the gardens will re-direct storm water

Wind Turbine and Photovoltaic Solar Shelters made possible by the generous support of the following sponsors:



from the fairgrounds sewer systems to rain barrels that utilize the runoff to irrigate living flora exhibitions.

Besides generating nearly 5kW of electricity and conserving thousands of gallons of water, these installations will serve as a backdrop for educational programming and professional development experiences that honor the original intent of the

Indiana State Fair...to share ideas, to educate, and to showcase Indiana's best.

So it goes at the fairgrounds, where the staff is hard at work preparing for the 2009 Great Indiana State Fair.



For more information on alternative energy, please refer to the following websites:

Wind farm in Benton County:

www.earlparkindiana.com/windfarm.html

American Wind Energy Association:

www.awea.org

Green Way Supply

www.greenwaysupply.net

Office of Energy Development:

www.in.gov/oed

Indianapolis Power & Light Company:

www.iplpower.com

For step-by-step instructions to building your own rain garden, please visit:

Marion Cty. Soil and Water Conservation District
www.marionswcd.org



Photovoltaic Solar Shelters

Above: preparing for solar panel installation



Rain Garden

Right: The Education Department's staff and interns prepare ground for the new rain garden. In all, 165 native plants were planted, including:

New England Aster, Purple Coneflower, White Snakeroot, Spotted Joe-Pye Weed, False Sunflower, Bergamot, Smooth Penstemon, Sweet Black-Eyed Susan, Culver's Root, Palm Sedge, Spreading Oval Sedge, Northern Sea Oats, Marsh Milkweed, Shining Aster, Flat-Topped Aster, Boneset, Autumn Sneezeweed, Obedient Plant, Mountain Mint, Showy Black-Eyed Susan, Riddell's Goldenrod, and Blue-Joint Grass.

Rain Garden made possible by the generous support of the following sponsors:



Did You Know?

By Mike Dalka, Green Committee Chair



The Indiana State Fair Commission has developed a Green Committee, made up of at least one individual from every department, to establish environmentally sound practices and operating procedures. Green based initiative includes:

Reduce

- Phasing out of Incandescent bulbs to Compact Fluorescents
- Integration of solar and wind energy installations into our power grid
- A gravity driven, rain water irrigation system in exhibition garden plots
- A rain garden

Reuse

- Utilization of portable water coolers and refillable, multi-use bottles as opposed to bottled water. (The effect is economically sound as well!)
- Hosted an E-Waste Recycling event that accepted over 10 tons of hazardous items including batteries and computer monitors.

Recycle

- An integrated single stream recycling system that incorporates a green cow hide color scheme with highly visible containers to encourage visitor participation
- Accessible recycling specific dumpsters to employees so they may drop off their home recyclables en route to the office.

On Thursday, August 20, Noon to 5 pm, the Indiana State Fair is hosting an Alternative Energy Open House inside the Normandy Barn. The public is welcome to attend.



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FIELD TRIP DAYS



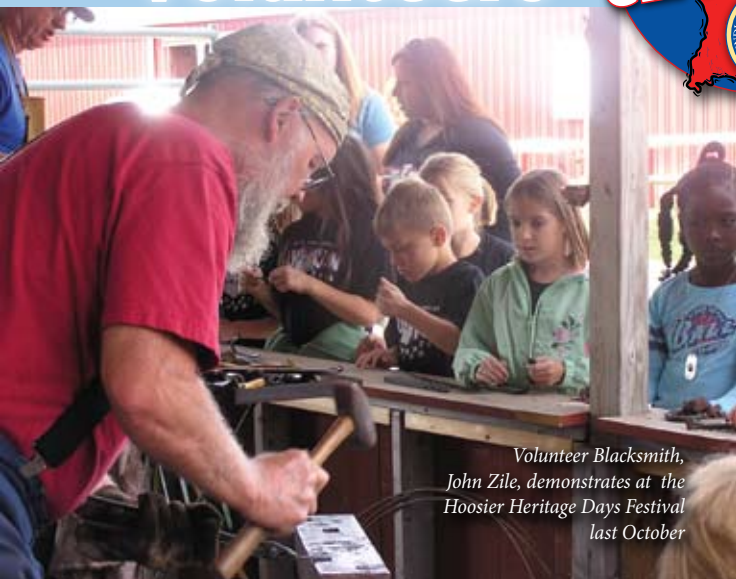
This Fall, students and teachers will have the opportunity to kick off the new school year in a fun way with a class trip to the Indiana State Fair! The self-guided tours will be pre-arranged, organized, and mapped out for a custom-made field trip that meets academic standards. Teachers can take advantage of our extended fair days to explore the Wonder Trail path of their choosing: Animals, Our Environment, and History—or they can try all three! Visit thebarn.in.gov for more information about the State Fair Field Trip Days and The Wonder Trail!



Call for Volunteers



Thank You Spring Donors!



*Volunteer Blacksmith,
John Zile, demonstrates at the
Hoosier Heritage Days Festival
last October*

The Hoosier Heritage Days Festival, part of the State's Largest Classroom's north side programming, is quickly becoming a fall tradition for hundreds of Hoosier students.

The education department is in need of volunteers during the week of the festival, which is September 28 through October 2, 2009. If you have historic interpretation experience, re-enactment knowledge, or pioneer trade skills (cooking, blacksmithing, etc.), and would like to share your know-how with children, please contact Claire Wilcher at cwilcher@indianastatefair.com for details.

Over 1,600 students participated in Spring Programming facilitated by the Education Department and supported by the Buildings and Grounds Department. Many thanks to our friends and partners who provided resources and livestock:

**Kevin Miller of Conner Prairie
Interactive History Park
Tunis Sheep**



**Mitch Pearce and Fred Dennis
of Wonder Hill Farms
Nubian Goats**



**The Eller Family and
Kay & Gordon Woods
Belgian Draft Horse**



**Danny Messmer
of Messmer Farms
Jersey Cow**



**Dr. and Mrs. Ted Grayson
of Somerset Farms
Yorkshire Swine**



**Terry Hoffman
Cockshutt Tractor**



**Ryan & Megan Bergman of Bergman Farms
Livestock Transportation**



IN MEMORIAM

Larry J. Houser passed away on Friday, May 29th. Larry was instrumental in procuring and building the Indiana State Fairground's Greenhouse. His dedicated service of nearly one thousand hours was accomplished with an equal amount of jokes and a constant, toothy grin. FFA Day of Service participants and students on field trips at the States Largest Classroom will benefit from Larry and Peggy Houser's generosity of time, talent, and good hearted humor for years to come. We will miss him.

Left: A new program takes place inside the Indiana State Fairground's Greenhouse



PIONEER VILLAGE

Celebrating Nearly Fifty Years of Fair Memories



Maurice ("Mauri", pictured left) Williamson is the Founder and former Manager of the Indiana State Fair's revered Pioneer Village. The following article is Mr. Williamson's first person account of how it all began...

In 1940, I attended the famous 4-H Roundup at Purdue University which was quite a treat within itself, but the most significant thing of all was to see a small classroom in the Agricultural Engineering Building filled with old farming tools that had been collected by Dean Skinner of the School of Agriculture and Professor Aikenhead of the Ag Engineering Department. They feared those old relics would soon disappear from the fence rows. If they had not taken action in

a timely manner, that might have happened. All the materials gathered were recorded in the name of the Purdue Agricultural Alumni Association, and that is how it is to this day.

The whole thing intrigued me for a while, but then my thoughts wandered to other things like girls. Soon thereafter, World War II started and all the space was needed for classrooms. That nice collection was relegated to the attic of the building and there it stayed until a fateful day in 1960.

Glenn Sample, a prominent leader in Indiana and Vice President of the Purdue Agricultural Alumni Association always loved that old collection and mourned that it was so neglected. By happenstance, he heard there was a room available for exhibition in the balcony of the Indiana State Fair Grandstand. We were so excited and promptly accepted the offer for the 1960 Fair. We recruited a few Purdue Ags with stock trucks and hauled the whole exhibition down there, up the ramps, and thoughtfully figured a place for everything. When we got it all done, the space looked like a tool shed that had been cleaned out. We opened the doors with great hopes and could not believe what happened. Over 40,000 people went up there to see it – and they liked it!

We stayed there about five years, improving all the way. Volunteers were there to help. Contributions of

The original Pioneer Farm and Home Show Exhibit, located in the balcony of the Indiana State Fair Grandstand. August 1963



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materials were just about more than we could handle. Phyllis Morrow spun wool. Retired Extension Director, Roy Hoffman built an old shed to exhibit tools.

But don't get the idea that we were satisfied with that place. We needed more room.

Around 1967, the Machinery Exhibit had moved from the Sheep Barn lot to that vast and lonely area on the north side of the racetrack. It was nothing but trouble, and about that time the implement exhibitors used the fact as an excuse to vacate the Indiana State Fair. You could have shot a cannon down there during the Fair and not hit a soul.

What must we do?! Well, the Pioneer Bunch, being the generous folks that they were, offered the Fair a deal: "You build us a building over there and we will move to that virgin territory." They did and we did. That was 1968 - a banner year, and the beginning of an era of unbridled ambition



and imaginative thinking on the part of us all.

The next 50 years have been a great period of growth for the Pioneer Village. It has matured to the point that it is a major segment of the Exposition. Volunteers expect to be asked back. Specialists want to return year after year. As a practical matter of fact, Pioneer Village is no longer an inanimate object. It is a life. All who play a role in the event are part of a precious family. There will be annual improvements, but one thing will remain constant...we love all the people who work here and respect all who visit us. We look forward to seeing you all in August!



Above: The popular Gerry Gray and Family Reunion String Band will continue to play on the Music of America Stage inside the Pioneer Building.



THE PIONEER VILLAGE The Opry House

By Tim Nannet

After over 30 years of musical entertainment in the Pioneer Building - it's time to branch out. The popularity of The Music of America Stage has warranted a new event center housed in the existing "Antique Tractor Barn". The new stage will be known as "The Pioneer Village Opry House".

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Some very special events are planned in the Pioneer Village Opry House. After the Farm Toy Show during the first five days of the Fair, the Opry House will come alive on Thursday, August 13th with the WLS National Barn Dance rehearsal. On Saturday, August 15th, The Traditional Arts of Indiana State Fair Fiddle Contest begins at Noon, and the "Tribute

to the WLS National Barn Dance" follows with two shows at 7 pm and 8 pm. Sunday, August 16th is the Liar's Contest by Storytelling Arts of Indiana. Wednesday the 19th, the Opry House will host two premier performances of the Chelsea House Orchestra, a high school celtic group from Michigan. Hoosier Story Teller I by Story Telling Arts of Indiana will perform at 4pm on Thursday, August 20th, followed by Hoosier Story Teller II at 7 pm. The Annual Old Time Farm and Antique Auction will be held on August 22nd. And, finally, Sunday the 23rd, the last event in the Opry House will be the "Ice Cream Crank Off" contest.



For more information about Pioneer Village or the new Opry House stage, please visit indianastatefair.com



By Andy Klotz

Greg Arnold has a simple philosophy in life: treat others how you want to be treated.

Living by “The Golden Rule” has helped Greg not only in his personal life, but also as a member of the State Fairgrounds’ Parking and Gates team. Jessie Turner, a local resident, has seen Greg put his philosophy into practice, and she wants everyone to know just how wonderful he is (see letter on this page).

Jessie and her daughters were visiting the fairgrounds recently when they encountered a problem. Greg saw the situation developing and immediately took action.

“I just ran over to help her. It was just natural. I think everyone should do that,” he said. “She was so excited she told Henry (Johnson, traffic manager) to give me a raise!”

Greg, 57, has learned a thing or two about helping people over the years. The lifelong Indianapolis resident has six children and 17

grandchildren that have kept him busy in that department. In turn, he also likes to help people get in and out of the fairgrounds as easily as possible.

“I like to make (parking) as convenient as possible for everyone,” he said. “I try to take into consideration where they are going, and direct them to the closest spot.”

Of course, not everyone listens. Back in January, a visitor didn’t take Greg’s direction and proceeded to go where he wanted instead. The driver ran into Greg in the process, knocking him down and causing a back injury that still requires physical therapy.

Still, Greg says he enjoys dealing with the public and trying to put a smile on the face of everyone he meets.

“I like to talk with the folks who come out here, and they seem to like to talk to me,” he said. “It’s funny to hear some of the stories. You never know who you’re going to meet.”

And for the people who meet Greg, they seem to leave pretty happy, too.

Mon. March 23, 2009

Dear People-

Yesterday my daughters and myself attended the Antique Toy & Advertising Show at the Champions Pavilion. In front of the Pepsi Coliseum or thereabouts the wheel on one side of my wheelchair broke off. I was leaning sideways trying to do something when a voice said "Let me help you" and an arm supported me pulling me up. One of your people helped me to a place (light pole base) and began the walkie-talkie bit of securing the help needed. Soon a security gentleman arrived and soon a shuttle bus came by to take our broken chair back to our car. When we got back from delivering our broken chair, there was another wheelchair awaiting me. This occurred in a short time giving an old lady no time to worry about the situation! Our compliments to your 3 employees (2 men & a lady) for a professional, quick response to us. One gentleman who helped me out of the chair was using a metal cane of sorts. The whole day was sweet particularly the "people part." Thank you - we'll be back in September.

-Jessie Turner & daughters

The Difference Shows

The Indiana State Fairgrounds plays host to more than 300 unique events each year. If you're looking for something different, you've found your place.

July

15-19 Circle City Equestrian Horse Show

Pepsi Coliseum, Champions, South & Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilions
Children 6 & under Free
(317) 704-0047
www.circleciterequestrian500.org

30 Midwest Reptile Show

Clarian Healthy Lifestyles Pavilion
Hours: 10 am – 4 pm
Admission: \$5; Children 8 & under Free
Brian Hahn (317) 899-1599
www.midwestreptile.com

18-20 28th Annual O'Reilly Auto Parts Fall 4-Wheel Jamboree Nationals *presented by TOYO TIRES*

Southside of Fairgrounds, Hoosier Lottery Grandstand, Ball State Ag/Hort, Pioneer Our Land Pavilion & Grand Hall
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Admission: Advance Sales online \$15
Adults + \$3 fee; Ages 3-12 \$5 + \$3 fee.
Tickets available day of event for increased prices.
The Promotion Co. (317) 236-6515
www.familyevents.com

17-19 Gem Street USA

Pioneer Our Land Pavilion
Hours: Fri & Sat. 10 am - 6 pm;
Sun. 11 am-5 pm;
Admission: \$7;
Sr. Citizens and Children 12-17 \$5,
Under 12 Free
Jane Strieter-Smith
(216) 521-4367
www.gemstreetusa.com

September

3-4 Harness Racing

Hoosier Lottery Grandstand & Race Track
Hours: 11 am both days
Admission: Free
Linda Dever (765) 395-3125

8-12 All American Horse Classic

Pepsi Coliseum, West, South & Champions Pavilions & Outdoor Arena
Hours: Tues. 6:30 pm; Wed.-Fri. 10 am & 6:30 pm; Sat. 11:30 am & 6:30 pm
Admission: Free General Admission
Steve Kildow (765) 724-3578
www.allamericanhorseclassic.com

25-27 Stewarts Flea Market

Ag/Hort Bldg.
Hours: Fri, Noon-6 pm; Sat. 10 am-6 pm;
Sun. 10 am-4 pm
Admission: Free
Stewart Promotions (502) 456-2244
www.stewartpromotions.com

August

7-23



28-30 Indy 1500 Gun & Knife Show

Toyota Expo Hall
Hours: Fri. 2-8 pm; Sat. 8 am-6 pm;
Sun. 9 am-4 pm
Dan Masters (405) 340-1333
www.indy1500.com

29 Lucas Oil Indy Mile AMA Pro Flat Track Grand National

Hoosier Lottery Grandstand & Track
Hours: 2 – 10 pm
Admission: Advance Reserved Grandstand \$35 & \$30, Children 12 & under \$10
Infield \$20, Children 12 & under \$10
Day of Event Reserved Grandstand \$38 & \$33, Children 12 & under \$13
Infield \$23, Children 12 & under \$13
www.IndyMile.com

11-13 Fall Boat Show

Champions & Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilions
Hours: Friday 4-9pm; Saturday 10am-9pm;
Sunday 10am-5pm
Admission: \$7; Seniors (60 & over) \$6;
Children 12 & under Free
Renfro Productions (765) 641-7712
www.indianapolisboatsportandtravelshow.com

11-13 Hoosier Antiques Expo

Toyota Expo Hall
Hours: Friday 11am-7pm; Saturday 11am-6pm; Sunday 11am-5pm
Admission: \$7; Children 12 & under Free
Shawn Hastings (618) 635-2895
www.HoosierAntiqueShows.com

12-13 Indiana Rabbit Breeders Show

Northwest Pavilion
Hours: Sat. Judging 9 am-4:30 pm;
Sun. Judging 8 am-4 pm
Admission: Free
Judy Todd (765) 482-3921

26 Life Center Walk for Life (formerly Central Indiana Crisis Pregnancy Center)

4-H Exhibit Hall 1st Floor; Farm Bureau Celebration Park & Outside of Track
Hours: 8 am Registration; 9 am Walk begins
Admission: Free – Donations accepted
Julie Rupprecht (317) 280-2635 ext. 103

26-27 Indianapolis Antique Advertising Show & Indy Antique Toy Show/Doll Show (Sunday only)

Champions Pavilion
Hours: (Antique Advertising Show):
Sat. 10 am-5 pm; Sunday 10 am-3 pm
Admission: \$7; Children 12 & under Free
Hours & Admission: Sun. Only (Antique Toy Show): 8 am-10 am \$20; 10 am-3 pm \$7
Children 12 & under Free
Vern Adkins (317) 694-0253
www.indyadshow.com

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